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MAXWELL'S 'PARTING KICK'!

WILL NOT RESPOND TO POPULAR DEMAND

Detenus Release Resolution Lost: India Govt. Charged With Breach Of International Convention

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

The assembly to-day rejected without division Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's resolution recommending the release of political prisoners with a view to removing the present political deadlock and furthering the war effort.

WOMEN FOR PIT WORK

The House also rejected by 41 votes to 23 Mrs. Renuka Ray's adjournment motion to censure the Government on their action in permitting women to work underground in coal mines in Jharia and its neighbourhood.

The Europeans voted with the Government, while Muslim League Party, the Independents and the Congress Nationalist Party voted for the motion. Congress members had left the House earlier.—A. P.

CONGRESS WARNING

An intriguing situation had developed in the lobby on Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's resolution before the House discussed it to-day. The Muslim League Party's attitude appeared to be in favour of neutrality. At any rate it would not oppose the resolution. Some members of the Muslim League Party, however, seemed to favour Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari's substitute motion which asked for general elections as a preliminary step towards resolving the deadlock as better and deserving their support.

The Congress Party members on the other hand had taken the attitude that they could not be a party to the request to the Government to release their leaders and co-workers and had suggested to Mr. Navalrai not to move the resolution which was the first on the order paper. Mr. Navalrai, moved the resolution in disregard of this suggestions.—U.P.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai moved his resolution recommending to the Governor-General the release of political prisoners now in Indian Jails as security prisoners was then taken up by the House.

The President disallowed Mr V. T. Krishnamachari's amendment to the resolution on the ground that it was beyond the scope of the resolution. The amendment sough to recommend the dissolution of the present Legislative Assembly after the present budget session with a view to holding fresh elections and reconstitution of the Governor-General's Executive Council so as to include in it persons commanding the confidence of all the important groups in the Assembly.

Speaking on the resolution, Mr. Lalchand Navalrai hoped that when the Viceroy addresses the legislature next week, he would be gracious enough to direct that all the political prisoners would be forthwith released. Their release was essential, he added, if the present tangle was to be ended. The Congress leaders must be enabled, he urged, to hold consultations amongst themselves on the one hand and with other important parties on the other, before any settlement could be reached.

MAHATMA DENIED CHANCE

Mr. N. M. Joshi stated that the detention of Congressmen after August 1942 was unnecessary. Recalling the events leading up to their arrest, Mr. Joshi said that Mahatma Gandhi was never given a chance to see the Viceroy and make a final attempt to reach a settlement with the Government. Mr. Joshi thought that the release of Mahatma Gandhi might lead to a solution of the communal tangle.

Mr. Kailash Behari Lal thought that the Government had exceeded the exigencies of time in the matter of detaining these persons.

Mr. Kazmi welcomed the new Ordinance relating to detenus, but criticised certain provisions in it. He pleaded for a general release on the ground that the emergency had now ceased to exist.

LOOK AT NANDURBAGH

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta thought it a great humiliation to ask for the release of Congress leaders who had once raised the slogan "Quit India" But Government had, in the name of suppressing the sabotage movement, persecuted innocent men, women and children. He quoted the example of Nandurbagh where innocent boys and girls returning from their school, were shot. After examining the available facts of this case, he said, two Advocates-General had pronounced it to be 'nothing but murder'. Government, therefore, deserved no support in keeping leaders imprisoned.

WAR ON CONGRESS

Mr. Abdul Quaiyum (Congress) declared that his Party was not interested in the resolution. Government had declared war on the Congress, which meant that the Government of India had declared war on the people of India. They had laid down humiliating conditions that the Congress must withdraw the August Resolution before considering the question of release.

Mr. Abdul Quaiyum said: "Our aim is a very honourable one—the freedom of this country. We want the British to quit this country. There can be no question of withdrawal of the resolution of August 1942. If there is going to be any withdrawal, it will have to be done by the Government. There can be no retreat. You can keep these gentlemen in jail as long as you like."

Referring to the deadlock he stated that the only solution to the deadlock would follow and not precede the removal of British rule from India.

LEAGUE POSER

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan (Muslim League) declared the present political situation was to a very large extent responsible for the economic troubles in the country. The real representatives of the people were not in power.

If the Congress leaders were out of jail to-day, he asked, was there a possibility of their accepting the proposition of the Muslims? "If we saw any chance of it or any indication in any quarter whatsoever, we shall not plead here for their release, but we will join hands with the rest of India and demand their release and secure it."

HOME MEMBER AT IT AGAIN

The Home Member before examining the two grounds urged in the resolution for the release of Congress security prisoners, asked the question what was meant by the deadlock about which so much had been heard. The dictionary meaning of it, he said, was "a position in which it is impossible to proceed direct; a complete standstill". "Who," he asked, "is at a standstill?"

(A Voice: Congress. Another Voice: Government).

The record of the Congress, said the Home Member, so far as the deadlock and the war effort were concerned, was such that there was nothing in it to justify the mover's expectation. It must be remembered that war danger still stood close to India. What indication had we that the release of these prisoners would either end the deadlock or help the war effort? Mrs. Naidu had made it clear enough that there was no change of heart. There was not a word in the report of what she said at the press conference about prospects of Congress co-operation in the war effort except on terms laid down by the Congress.

The Home Member asserted that the object of detaining these prisoners was not political, not vindictive, but precautionary. If Government was asked to release them, Government must be assured that the results would be beneficial to India and to war effort. Government, he said, were justified in asking for some assurance that there would be no more attempt at obstruction of war effort or attempt to set the country in turmoil.

"PARTING KICK."

Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari thought it was a mistake to have brought the resolution before the House and thus given an opportunity to the Home Member to give "a parting kick" to the country. He, however, thought that the country had a right to ask the Government to release the detenus and to find out how long they intended to keep them behind the bars. Mere release of the Congress detenus would not solve the political question, the real solution of which rested with the Government.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai, winding up the debate, stated it was wrong to insist upon any withdrawals from the Congress.

The resolution was lost without a division.

The House then took up Mrs. Renuka Ray's adjournment motion.

WOMEN WORK IN PIT

Mrs. Renuka Ray moving the adjournment reminded the House that the Government of India was one of the signatories to the Geneva Labour Convention prohibiting the employment of women underground in coal mines. The Convention did not contain any clause enabling any participant nation to suspend the convention. The Government of India was thus guilty of a gross breach of International Convention solemnly entered into.

Mr. N. M. Joshi supporting the resolution pointed out that not far from Jharia, in Jamshedpur the average monthly wage of a worker was about Rs. 30, and the disparity in wages was the main reason for the shortage of labour in coal industry.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta revealed that when he was consulted on the lifting of the ban, he agreed to it, for reasons of war effort, but he had asked for certain conditions in the matter of welfare amenities before women could be allowed to work underground. He was sorry to find that his conditions were not accepted.

TELLING REMINDER

Mr. Azhar Ali said that the Government of India should not so slightly set at nought an International Agreement which they had entered into. He insisted that men could be found in sufficient numbers for mines and in any case, he was convinced that it was a "shame" that women should be asked to go underground.

Mr. Husseinbhoy Lalljee recalled how when the Convention was signed in Geneva, all the delegates were annoyed at the time that Japan did not ratify the Convention, but now one of the signatories did not hesitate to break the Convention.

Sir Henry Richardson, on behalf of the European Group, said that he sympathised with the motion, but in the interests of the war effort and in order to increase the coal raisings, there was no alternative left to them except to permit women to go underground.

Sir Yamin Khan, supporting the motion, criticised Sir Henry Richardson for the statement that increased raisings did not pay the coalowners, and said that the motive of profit should never enter at all when they were furthering the war efforts.

Dr. Ambedkar, answering the debate, asserted that Government did not take the decision to allow women labour underground in a headlong or wanton manner. The Government had insisted that the women should get the same wage as a man so that women would not be exploited.

After a brief reply by Mrs. Ray, the motion was pressed to a division and was declared lost by 41 votes to 23.—A. P.

Air Raid On Ceylon Coast

Bomb Dropped But No Casualties

COLOMBO, Feb. 8.

An official announcement says:- Last night enemy aircraft approached the coast of Ceylon.

One bomb was dropped but there were no casualties and damage was negligible.—A.P.

U. S. Warns Finland

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8: The Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull disclosed to-day that the United States recently renewed its warning to Finland to get out of the war or accept the consequences.

Mr. Hull told a Press Conference that the American Government had recently sent a communication to Finland saying that the responsibility for the consequences of collaboration with Germany must be borne solely by the Finnish Government. It was added that Finland must also bear responsibility for continuance in a state of war with the Allies of the United States including the Soviet Union and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"NO SURRENDER."

The Finnish legation spokesman said after Mr. Cordells hull's statement that Finland's position had not changed and that even if Helsinki were razed, the Finns would not surrender.—Reuter.

U. S. Victory Fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The United States Victory Fleet now numbers 2,275 ships with a delivery of 124 merchant vessels last month, according to a statement by the United States Maritime Commission to-day.

The tonnage put into service since Pearl Harbour now amounts to 21,625,000 tons.—Reuter.

Two U. S. Submarines Lost?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8: The Navy Department announces that two American submarines are overdue from patrol and must be presumed lost.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SIR MAHARAJ SINGH ON CONGRESS MINISTRIES

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Feb. 8.

Allegations of Congress atrocities against Muslims are either highly exaggerated or false, said Sir Maharajsingh, President, Liberal Federation addressing a public meeting at the convocation hall this evening.

Speaking from personal experience, as oppositionist in the U. P. Assembly Sir Maharajsingh said, Congress did a lot of good work for poor people, particularly tenants who secured occupancy rights for the first time.

IRANIAN BARLEY FOR INDIA

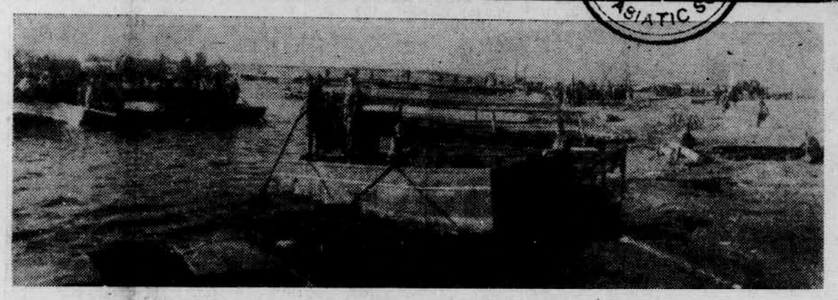
KARACHI, Feb. 8

It is understood that the Central Government have contracted to purchase several thousands of tons of barley from the Iranian Government to supplement the stocks in India. Nearly 30,000 tons of Iranian barley are said to have already reached India and these have been distributed in the areas needing supplies.—A.P.

Statement On War Situation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

The "United Press" learns that Mr. C. M. Trivedi, Secretary of the War Department, Government of India, will make an important statement on the war situation in the Central Assembly on February 11.—A. P.



RED ARMY TROOPS CROSSING DNIEPER

RED ARMY RECAPTURES NIKOPOL

Stalin On Liquidation Of Trapped German Troops

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.

It is officially announced that Nikopol has been captured.

The Nikopol group of German armies has been routed. The recapture of Nikopol which is the centre of Russia's manganese ore-mining industry is one of the most important economic victories ever achieved by the Red Army, Reuter adds.

The recapture is announced in to-night's Second Order of the Day from Marshal Stalin.—

PLIGHT OF TRAPPED GERMAN TROOPS

(From Reuter's special Correspondent in Moscow):—

General Maninovsky is fast turning the German retreat towards Kherson into a disorderly rout. The roads along which the Red Army is advancing everywhere show signs of a precipitate flight. They are littered for miles with German equipment, abandoned cars and guns.

Inside Nikopol, itself disorder reigns, according to prisoners' reports quoted by the Russian newspaper "Red Star". The city is jammed, they say, with lorries which cannot get out. Some of the Germans are trying to escape from Nikopol south and southwest through water-logged reaches of the Dnieper bank but many of them have already been caught by the Russian troops.

A late front dispatch to the "Izvestia" reports that the German group trapped east of Nikopol is being liquidated.

Red Army's Drive Towards Latvia

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent):—

Furious house-to-house and street battles are raging to-day in the Dnieper bend manganese town of Nikopol where the Red Army are engaged in the destruction of another German army group of five divisions—60,000 men. Soviet troops and tanks, mopping up the trapped Germans have wiped out more than 3,000 of the enemy in the past 24 hours and Soviet spearheads, already far to the west of the town, have cut off all means of escape for the garrison in that direction.

Soviet tommy-gunners have reached the main crossing thrown by the Germans across the Dnieper from Nikopol. Other Russian forces have advanced 15 miles further towards the Black Sea cities of Kherson and Nikolaev. After capturing Novaya-Pavlovka, 53 miles from Kherson and Nikolaev, the Russians are pushing on towards Singarevka where the railway line branches to Kherson and Nikolaev respectively.

South of Leningrad an important new advance has been made towards Luga the key junction on the Leningrad-Pskov-Vilna Railway. The Russians have captured the town of Chudovo, 25 miles north-east of Luga on the Leningrad-Batetskaya Railway line and have also taken Pelkovo, 15 miles north-north-east of Luga.

The Red Army is drawing nearer Latvia in its drive across 60 miles of territory to the border north-west of Novo Sokolniki after capturing 80 more towns and villages in the last 24 hours.—Reuter.

Germans In Nikopol Bridgehead Liquidated

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.—M. Stalin in an "Order of the Day" to-night said that the Germans in the Nikopol bridgehead had been liquidated.

The order which is addressed to Army General Tolbukhin says: "Troops of the fourth Ukrainian front having broken the strongly fortified enemy zone south of Nikopol on the left bank of Dnieper in four days offensive operations inflicted a heavy defeat on seven German infantry divisions and broke through to the Dnieper along the whole length of the bridgehead.

As a result of these operations our troops completely liquidated the strategically important German bridgehead on the left bank of the river Dnieper 120 kilometres in width and 35 kilometres in depth.

In the course of the offensive, Soviet troops captured the district centre of Zhaporozhe region Kamenka as well as 40 other inhabited localities".

ESTONIAN GUERILLAS OPERATE BEHIND NARVA

Reuter's special correspondent reports that the Government of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic, most members of which attended the recent tenth session of the Supreme Soviet are now in Leningrad, ready to move into Estonia in the wake of the advancing Red Army.

Close contact is being maintained between the Estonian Government and Estonian guerillas who are operating behind Narva.—Reuter.

IRAQ PREMIER ON ARAB UNION

DAMASCUS, Feb. 8.

The Iraq Premier General Nuries Said who arrived here on Monday after visiting Palestine and the Lebanon spoke to Reuter of the outstanding questions affecting the Arab world.

The consultations between the Arab peoples and Egypt had reached an important new stage with general agreement on fundamentals, he said. It was probable that the Congress in Cairo would finally draw up the method of future collaboration but it was still indefinite whether it would take the form of an union, federation or collaboration.

The Premier affirmed that close understanding existed among the Arab peoples. He did not include Palestine which had an international character and whose destinies depended on interested Powers. What they had achieved was that the doorway to Arab consultations now stood open for all Arab countries who wished to take part in them.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH COMMITTEE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 8.—A financial agreement and a mutual aid agreement between the British Government and the French Committee of National Liberation were signed to-day.

Announcing this to the Commons Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "Negotiations had been most harmonious and conducted in a spirit of mutual understanding throughout."—Reuter.

Sind Plan To Wipe Out Hur "Hide-outs"

KARACHI, Feb. 8.

The Government of Sind's plan to eradicate the Hur hide-outs in the impenetrable Makhi forest by constructing wide roads through it and clearing up the jungle will be one of the subject to be discussed at a conference convened on 21st February at the Sind Secretariat.

The plan which is estimated to cost Rs. 40 lakhs envisages the acquisition of the land adjacent to the forest, providing easy communications and bringing the waste land under cultivation.—A. P.

Festival Cricket

REST OF INDIA BEAT STATES OF INDIA

POONA, February 8

The Rest of India XI captained by Deodhar defeated the States of India XI captained by the Nawab of Pataudi in the four day festival cricket match played here on the first innings' lead.

The States of India scored 477 and 280 and the Rest of India scored 538 and 151 for five wickets, in the first and second innings respectively.

For the States Hazare scored 223 and 87 in his two innings and Kishenchand 63, and Mustaque Ali 54 and Indravijaysinghji 52 in the first innings.

For the Rest, Cooper scored 122, Banerjee 109, and Sarwate 95 in the first innings and in the second innings Deodhar was unbeaten with 75.

Mubarak Ali took Rest of India five wickets for 104 in the first innings, and Sohoni and Modi took three Indian States' wickets each in the second innings.

CITY FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCH

The following hours of play have been fixed for the Festival Cricket Match to be played between an Indian XI and the Services XI on the stadium ground from the 11th to the 14th February:—11-30 a.m to 1-30 p.m. 1-30 p.m. to 2-15 p.m. (lunch interval) 2-15 p.m. to 4-15 p.m. 4-15 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. (tea interval) 4-30 p.m. to 6-15 p.m.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Feb. 8.

Previous closing	20.43
To-day's opening	20.43
Difference	Nil
To-day's closing	20.48
Difference	+.05

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 8.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors dol 52 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 24 7/8
U. S. Steel Corpn. 52
U. S. Steel Pref. dol 121.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

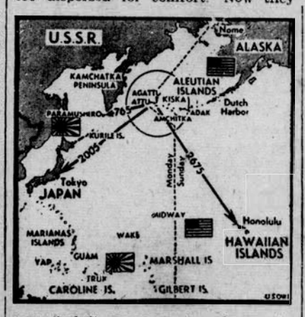
CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

The market ruled materially unchanged but the volume of business as usual was fair and satisfactory. Government securities were unaltered.

ATTACK ON JAP HOME ISLANDS IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

Referring to-day to "the great range and striking power" of the United States' fleet, the "Washington Post" states: "the enemy must now reckon on the possibility that sooner or later, Japan's Home islands will be attacked. The prospect is anything but pleasant for Japan. Already their naval and air forces are too dispersed for comfort. Now they



may find it necessary to draw in their horns thus leaving us unchallenged over a still wider area of the Pacific.

Indeed the very successes which Japan won in the early months of the Pacific War when they overran an empire several times as large as their pre-Pearl Harbour Empire, are now choking them for they cannot defend all of it with equal effect in the face of the rising Allied, and particularly American sea and air power in the Pacific.'—Reuter.

RABAUL BOMBED

General MacArthur's Headquarters, New Guinea Feb. 8:

Hundred and fifty Allied planes from the South Pacific hit Rabaul in New Britain on Saturday, says the official report. The Rabaul raid was one of the hardest blows at this Japanese base in recent weeks.

Australians continued their advance up the coast of Huon Peninsula and are within 16 air miles from the American Sixth Army invasion force at Saidor.

A Southwest Pacific "communique" issued from the Allied Hq. says:

CAPE DAMPIER: Our medium units on patrol destroyed three enemy gun positions and sank three barges. On the north coast, a heavy unit bombed Tala Sea.

CAPE GLOCESTER: Our ground patrols, ranging east and south, are in the vicinity of Cape Gauffre and Gurimati Light enemy air raids are reported here and in Arawe.—Reuter.

Attacks On Cassino Continue

Heavy Casualties In Nazi Bombing Of U. S. Evacuation Hospital Tents

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Feb. 8.

A German dive-bomber attacked American evacuation hospital tents yesterday afternoon from the low level of 500 feet, according to the special correspondent of the representing combined American Press in the Anzio Bridgehead. 26 persons were killed and 43 injured. Two nurses were killed and 12 wounded.

A later dispatch from the Combined Press correspondent said that the hospital tents were clearly marked with Red Crosses being situated "on a naked plain a full mile from any military installations".

ALLIED CASUALTIES "NOT HEAVY"

ALGIERS, Feb. 8: Admiral Frank J. Lowry, United States Navy, who commanded the amphibious operations to the Anzio beachheads, said yesterday that the price paid by the Allies in casualties and damage in the landing was not heavy, and in no way compared with German claims.

ATTACK ON CASSINO

Mediterranean Allied force advance headquarters:

To-day's Allied "communique" states Land: on the main Fifth Army Front, American troops continued their attacks on Cassino.

In the Anzio beachhead, the Fifth Army consolidated their positions.

On the Eighth Army front, patrols were active.—Reuter.

Germans Occupy Perusic

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Germans occupied the town of Perusic of the Croatian province of Lika on the Adriatic coast after bitter fighting which had lasted for weeks. This is announced in to-day's 'communique' from General Tito's Headquarters which says, "Fierce fighting is in progress between Perusic and Senj. The Germans are bringing up reinforcements and have succeeded in occupying Perusic." Senj lies on the Adriatic coast north-west of Perusic.—Reuter.

U. S. Air Attack On N. France

LONDON, Feb. 8: American army airforce "marauders" and R.A.F. "typhoons" and "hurricanes" to-day attacked military objective in northern France, it is officially announced.

LONDON, Feb. 8: It is officially announced that "flying fortresses" attacked targets in Frankfrut to-day.—Reuter.

Mr. Vartak Released

Mr. Govind Dharmaji Vartak, M.L.A., from Virar, who was a detenu in the Nasik Central Jail, has been released unconditionally.

"SWARAJYA" EDITOR ARRESTED

KARACHI, Feb. 8.—Baldev Gajra, editor of the "Swarajya" a vernacular daily of Shikarpur, is reported to have been arrested there to-day under the Defence of India Rules.—A.P.

17 STATE PRISONERS IN BENGAL JAILS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

Seventeen persons are at present being detained in the Province as State prisoners under Regulation III of 1818, according to a statement laid on the table by the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

The order of detention in each case was passed by the Government of Bengal, and not by the Central Government, the Chief Minister said, adding that they had been granted all the rights and privileges which persons detained under Regulation III of 1818 were entitled.—A.P.

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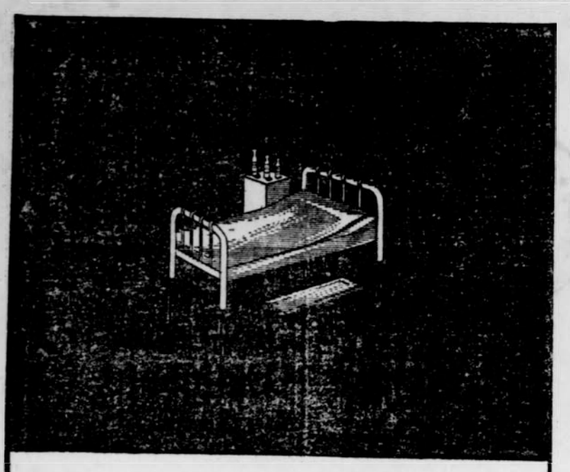

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286, Western Kutchery Road, Meerut (U.P.).
Lodha Dharamshala, Station Road, Ajmer.
18, Canning Road, Allahabad (U.P.).
Tarpakhana House, Hazaribagh Road, Ranchi.
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Pudupet Lines, Mount Rd., P. O. Madras.
Trichy Rd., Coimbatore.
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"Sorab Manor", Bunder Road, Bezwada.
Rama Varma Club Building, Ernakulam.

WESTERN AREA
Staunton Road, Poona.
Esplanade Maidan, (North) Dhobi Talao, Bombay No. 1.
Assembly Rest House, Nagpur.
Panch Kuva, Ahmedabad.
Bungalow No. 39, Old Telegraph Office, Belgaum.
Military Barracks, Khandwa (C.P.).

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Plea For A Peoples' Theatre

Ram Gopal Expounds Beauty Of Bharat Natya To Journalists

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Addressing a gathering of Bombay journalists at the Journalists' Club to-night, Ram Gopal, dancer of international fame, referred to his life's dream—of seeing India's ancient arts revivified in all their glory, by their being brought to the masses through the medium of people's theatres. He suggested that India should follow the foot-steps of Russia in the matter of this cultural rejuvenation.

"In spite of the daily devastation due to bombardment" he said, "the pure Russian ballet is preserved in an unadulterated form. This is because of the efforts of the Russian artistes who have brought art to the masses through the many people's theatres in every small and big town."

Ram Gopal urged Bombay, the "most pulsating city of India" to take a lead in raising funds for a national people's theatre where every great dancer, musician or other artistes could demonstrate for the common people. He deplored the present tendency in cities like Bombay where young enthusiasts undergo training in the dance art from masters whose claim to knowledge of traditional technique was of doubtful nature. It was necessary for an artiste to study the pure technique of art before attempting to adapt it to modern themes. Ram Gopal cited the instance of the famous Russian artiste, Nijinsky who had perfected his study of the pure Russian ballet before presenting the modernistic themes adapted for the masses.

Paying his tribute to Rukmini Devi, Menaka and Uday Shanker for their efforts in introducing art to the masses, Ram Gopal expressed the opinion that he would far rather have these cultural centres for the spread of art in cities like Bombay. He looked forward to the day when great masters like Minakshisundaram of the Bharatanatya School, and Kunjukurup of Kathakali School being able to demonstrate the greatness of their art, not at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall to a crowd which knew nothing of art but in a people's theatre. He looked forward to the day when the Indian journalists and others would understand Indian art just as Russians understand their art. During his extensive tour, he had found that in the west, people had far more respect for their arts than in India. He looked forward to the day when Indian masses would glorify their arts in the manner Russians did.

Krishna Shivaram, one of the members of the Ram Gopal troupe, followed, explaining the main features of Bharat Natya and its presentation. After the talk, Ram Gopal and Chandrabhagadevi gave an exquisite demonstration of "Ala Rippu", "Sabdam" and "Tillana" to the accompaniment of the South Indian Orchestra.

Arc lamps lent by the Chicago Radio were used for lighting the hall during the demonstration.

Seizures From A.-I. S. A.

Stocks And Goods Worth Over A Lakh

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

Fourteen branches of the All-India Spinners' Association and other similar organisations throughout Bengal have been declared unlawful under the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, according to a statement laid on the table by the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin replying to a question in the Bengal Legislative Council (Upper House) to-day.

Stocks valued at Rs. 99,201-7-3 and cash money amounting to Rs. 4,994-14-6 have been seized from 27 such organisations.—A.P.

Released And Interned

LAHORE, Feb. 8.

Munshi Harilal, M.L.A. and Shrimati Shanno Devi M.L.A., Shrimati Purandevi and Begum Ghulam Fatima (Congress workers) who had been detained under Rule 26 of Defence of India Rules since August, 1942, were released to-day from the Lahore Central Jail and the Women's Jail respectively.

They were served with notices restricting their movements in their respective native towns.—A.P.

DETENUS DO NOT WISH TO OFFER EXPLANATION

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 8

About 30 detenus out of 43 of Gujarat, have been served with a fresh notice under the new Ordinance. They have been asked, if they want to explain themselves before the Bombay Government they can do so through the Jail authorities. It is understood no one has made any representation uptil now.

Convicted For Taking Out Procession On Independence Day

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mrs. Urmila Gupta, Mrs. Vimla Mehta, Miss Nandu Shroff, Miss Shardamani and Charu Shah, who were arrested by the Mahalbowri Police on January 26, for taking out a procession in connection with Independence Day, were to-day convicted by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court.

The Magistrate sentenced each of them to pay a fine of Rs. 75 or in default to undergo two weeks S-I.

Similar fines were imposed on Miss Sushila Pai, Mrs. Krishnabai Kalgutkar and Mrs. Mangla Desai who were taken into custody by the police on January 26 for taking out a procession at Bhuleshwar.

COLLECTIVE FINES

Collective fines of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500, respectively, have been imposed on the villages of Helwak and Dhebewadi both in the Patan taluka of Satara District.

Muslims, Scheduled and Backward Classes, Government servants, Civic Guards, Ex-soldiers and the families of serving soldiers and all those who helped the police in their investigations are exempt from payment of the fines.

CONGRESS WIN IN ORISSA ELECTION

CUTTACK, Feb. 8.—A report from Russelkonda states that in Ghumsur by-election for the Orissa Assembly, Mr. Anand Rout, Congress nominee won, securing approximately 2,400 votes out of 3,200.—A.P.

More Deaths In Bengal

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

Deaths from all cases in Calcutta recorded an increase again during the week ending February 5, there being 1,257 deaths against 1,151 of the preceding week, 518 of the corresponding week of last year and an average of 658 of the corresponding week of the last five years.

Total pauper deaths during the week numbered 252 against 248 of the preceding week; small-pox caused 163 attacks and 230 deaths against 103 attacks and 157 deaths; while cholera claimed 44 attacks and 23 deaths against 32 attacks and 26 deaths in the previous week. Deaths due to malaria in the two weeks were 78 and 70 respectively.—A.P.

Starvation Deaths Continue

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

There were thirty admissions of sick destitutes in the Cambell Hospital. Seven sick destitutes died in hospitals in Calcutta and the suburbs, and ten were discharged.—A.P.

EXTENSION FOR MYSORE DEWAN

BANGALORE, Feb. 8.—His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has been pleased to extend the term of Pradhanshiromani N. Madhavrao, Dewan, for a further period of three years in appreciation of his loyal and distinguished services to the Mysore State.—United Press.

20,000 Cases Of U. S. Milk For India

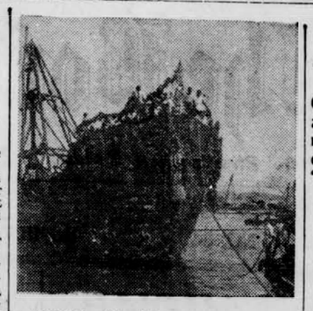
NEW YORK: Twenty thousand cases of American milk valued at 100,000 dollars have been shipped to India, announced the American Friends Relief Society. The Society said, "We are happy to announce that the first two shipments are on way to India. Generous support of thousands of Americans and particularly the British War Relief Society made possible the prompt shipments.—Reuter.

FURTHER AID TO FAMINE VICTIMS

LONDON, Feb. 7

The Indian Relief Committee have cabled a further sum of Rs. 10,000 to India for disbursement by Mr. N. M Joshi, General Secretary of the India T. U. C. and Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, President of the All-India Women's Conference.

Recent donations included 1,000 sterling from Durhams Miners' Association.



H.M.I.S. "Cochin" of The R.I. N. launched recently by H.H. Ravi Varma, Prince of Cochin. Funds for construction of the vessel were raised in Cochin.

CITY FATHER'S ACTION DEPLORED

The minutes of the Schools Committee deploring the action of a Municipal Councillor, who insisted on writing his remarks in the Visitors' Book No 1 maintained for the members of the Schools Committee, came for discussion in the Municipal Corporation on Monday.

The Councillor in question was supported by the non-Congress parties while Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia, leader of the Congress Party, Mr Mohanlal Desai and Dr. Malinibai Sukhtankar opposed the resolution and emphasised that according to the rules laid down by the Schools Committee, a councillor could not record his complaint in the Visitors' Book meant for the members of the School Committee. There were two amendments, on this resolution which were thrown out and the original resolution was declared carried by the Mayor on show of hands, but on a poll being demanded, the sponsors of the resolution staged a walk-out and the resolution urging "that the Schools Committee be informed that they were wrong in deploring the action" of the Councillor was declared thrown out by 23 votes.

The house then adjourned till Thursday.

PROTEST AGAINST NON-INCLUSION OF ANDHRA IN A.I.N.E.C EXECUTIVE

MASULIPATAM, Feb. 5: A resolution protesting against the non-inclusion of any Andhra editor in the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference and suggesting that the name of Mr. Shambuprasad, editor of "Andhra Patrika", Madras, be included in the Committee was passed at an urgent meeting of the local Journalists' Association held to-day Mr. S. V. Subba Rao presided.—A. P.

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Mica Mining & Trading Co., of India Limited.	25 0 0	100 0 0 (7% Cumulative)	2 8 0	10% and 7% in 1942 and 10% and 7% in 1943 on Ordinary and Preference shares.
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Land Trust of India, Limited.	10 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Hindusthan Laboratories, Ltd.	25 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Bengal Central Bank, Limited.	10 0 0	X	X	10% for 1942.
Lakshmi Narayan Cotton Mills, Ltd.	10 0 0	X	X	X
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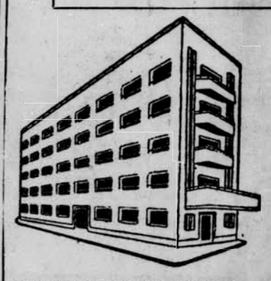
Bangasree Cotton Mills, Ltd.	10 0 0	10 0 0 (8% Cumulative)	X	16% and 8% on Ordinary and Preference respectively.



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Joint Civil Defence Committee Surprise?

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

It is understood that the representatives of the Bombay Municipal Corporation in the Joint Civil Defence Committee including the Mayor who is ex-officio chairman of the Committee have decided to tender their resignation from the Committee as they feel that in view of the latest attitude of the Government towards the Committee no useful purpose will be served by their continuing in the said Committee.

It is further learnt that the matter will come up for discussion at an early meeting of the Municipal Corporation.—United Press.

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STANDING COMMITTEE at 2-30 p.m

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

Common and Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: To-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Churchgate Station on "Reply to Questions of Religious Nature"

PROF. GOKAK'S LECTURE: "The Linguistic Approach to Literature" will be the subject of Principal V K Gokak's lecture at the University of Bombay at 6 p.m. to-day (Wednesday) The Vice-Chancellor will preside.

LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer Meeting. Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain to-day (Wednesday) 6-15 p.m

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of Shri Ravidas Bhagwan at Cawasji Framji Institute Hall, Dhobi Talao to-day (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. Mr Jagjiwan Ram M.L.A. to preside.

BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION: Public Lecture. Mr. N. Sri Ram, Vice-President of the Theosophical Society will lecture in English in the Besant Hall Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty to-day (Wednesday) at 6-45 p.m on "Message of Theosophy to the Modern World".

FIRST MEDICAL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE will be held in the Anatomy Theatre of the Grant Medical College, J. J. Hospital, at 8-30 p.m. (and not at 12-30 p.m. as previously announced) to-day (Wednesday) Dr. G V. Deshmukh will preside.

A HANDSOME DONATION: Mrs Sunitabai Motiram Desai Topiwale has given a donation of Rs 10,000 to the Kudal Deshastha Gaud Brahmin Vidya Vriddhi Samaj Bombay on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee in order to start scholarships in her own name.

SRI KRISHNA GANA SABHA: Musical entertainment by Sangeetha Bhupathi Maharajapuram Vishwanath Iyer (vocal), Papa Venkataramiah (violin), Kothandarama Iyer (Mridangam), on Sunday 13th February at 4 p.m. (S.T.) at Don Bosco High School Matunga.

MARWADIS AND VIKRAM BIMILLENNIUM: The Marwadi Sammelan, Bombay, will celebrate Vikram Bimillennium on 25th and 26 March (Saturday and Sunday). A reception Committee has been formed under the presidentship of Seth Ramdeojee Poddar and Joint Secretaries Gajadharjee Somani and Seth Ghanshimdasjee Poddar.

DEMAND FOR INCREASE IN DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

Representatives of employees in the offices in Bombay of the Central and the Provincial Governments and the Local Bodies met under the auspices of the All-India Government Employees' Federation on Saturday 5 with Mr S. C Joshi, M.L.C. in the chair. They passed resolutions expressing dissatisfaction at the inadequacy of the limit of pay to which and the rate at which the Dearness Allowance is paid in Bombay and urged Government to sanction immediately a suitable increase to keep in pace with the rise in the cost of living index in the city.

PROVINCIAL JAMAEEATUL ATIBBA

The General Secretary, Provincial Jamaeeatul Atibba writes:—

Members of the Bombay Provincial Hakims Council (Jameetul Aeatibba) are informed that the Drug Control Order by the Government of India is to come in full force from 15th February. Those who are outside the city of Bombay are advised to either apply direct to the Controller of Bombay, Old Custom House, or contact with me for the Medical Practitioners Purchase License under the Order.

VENKATAGIRIAPPA'S CONCERT

Eloquent tributes were paid to Asthan Vidwan Vainika Pravina Vidwan Venkatagiriappa of Mysore last night when he gave a Veena performance to a crowded audience of South Indians at the Bhajan Samaj Hall

The artiste regaled the audience with a variety of sweet ragams and kirtanas with his rendering in English and Hindustani notes.

Venkatagiriappa will be proceeding to Bharatpur in a few days on the invitation of the Durbar.

ARRESTED FOR PROFITEERING

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Solomon Shellim and Reuben Shellim were arrested by the Colaba Police on Monday on charges of profiteering, selling cloth without a license and failing to give a cash memo.

On information received that the suspects were profiteering in cloth, the Colaba police are said to have sent a bogus customer with marked coins to the shop-owned by the suspects in the Colaba locality. The arrest was made following certain purchases, which complied with the above charges.

The arrested men were put up before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, to-day when their bail period was ordered to be extended pending further police investigations.

"POOR STUDENTS FUND"

With a view to help poor students of St. Mary's English High School in Bombay, it was resolved at the annual general meeting of the Parents' Association on Sunday, to start a "Poor Students' Fund." Subscriptions will be invited from parents and well-wishers for contributions and the Parents' Association would contribute from its funds its quota as recommended by the Executive Committee. The report for 1943 among other things stated that the Rotary Club had deputed Rotarian M. J. Antia and Rotarian L. Armstrong Smith to give talks to the Association on the "Choice of Careers". The report and audited accounts for 1943 were adopted.

Rev. Fr. T. Molina who presided spoke at length on the big demand for new admission of boys in the school. Last June he said more than 200 students were refused admission and already about hundred students have applied for admission in June next when the new term begins. Owing to the growing population he said, it was a great problem with educational institutions to cope with demands for admission.

The meeting then elected Mr. J. Mackwan as Vice-President, Mr. K. D. Umrigar was re-elected Hon. Secretary for the fourth year in succession, and Mr. J. Noronha was elected as Hon. Treasurer.

Committee For Industrial Scientific Research

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7: It is understood that in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Governing Body of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, a committee constituted of the following members and with the following terms of reference is announced:—

Sir Shanmukham Chetty, (Chairman).
Sir Jnanendra Chandra Ghosh.
Lt. Col. S. S. Sokhey, M.D., I.M.S.
Seth Kasthurbhai Lalbhai.
Professor S. K. Mitra.
Professor M. D. Qureshi
Mr. J. J. Ghandy.
Dr. K. A Hamied.
Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, (Secretary).

Terms of reference:—

(A) To make a survey of the facilities for the Scientific and Industrial Researches existing in India including Indian States—in the Universities, Research Institutions and Laboratories attached to industrial and other concerns;

(B) To report on the steps and measures that should be taken to promote, direct, control and organise Industrial and Scientific Research by private firms, Research Institutions, states and other Research establishments, and

(C) To report on such other steps as may be taken towards further industrial and scientific researches in post-war India.—A. P.

Mrs. Naidu In Bombay

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, member of the Congress Working Committee will arrive in Bombay to-day (Wednesday) by the Calcutta Mail, via Jubbulpur, which is due at Victoria Terminus at 2-5 p.m

During her stay in the city, she will be the guest of Madame Sophia and Mr. B. P Wadia, at "Arya Sangha", Narayan Dabholkar Road.

Mrs Naidu, is expected to stay in the city for a week and spend her 65th birthday, which falls on Sunday (February 13), here.

On Thursday (to-morrow), the National Council of Women in India is giving a reception to Mrs. Naidu at Madame Wadia's residence, Malabar Hill. Mr. Dilip Kumar Roy will sing devotional songs on that occasion.

Polish Artist's Exhibition

On Monday at the C. J. Hall, Sir Cowasji Jehangir declared open an exhibition of paintings by M. Norblin, a Polish artist.

The Consul-General for Poland in India, M. Banasinski, introducing the artist, said that M. Norblin would give art lovers of Bombay an opportunity to become acquainted with the works of one of the most prominent Polish painters.

Two New Presidency Magistrates

Mr. G. K. Rege, Bar-at-Law has been appointed a temporary Additional Magistrate in place of Mr. Karl J. Khandalawala, resigned. Mr. Mahomed Nasarullah, Bar-at-Law, has also been appointed temporary Additional Presidency Magistrate.

Alleged To Have Hoarded Grains Without Declaring Stock

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

For failing to declare the stocks of food grains and sugar held by the Company, Shankar Balwant Kulkarni grain shop manager of Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd., proprietor of the "Times of India" was arrested under the Defence of India Rules by the Bombay Police yesterday afternoon.

It was stated to-day, before Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court, that Kulkarni failed to declare to the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, the stocks of rice, wheat, bajri, and sugar held by the Company during the months of April and July, 1943. Kulkarni's bail period was extended by the Magistrate till February 14.

PROTEST AGAINST INCREASED RAILWAY FARES

The following telegram was sent to the Railway Board, Delhi by the Passengers and Traffic Relief Association, Bombay, and to several members of the Legislative Assembly.

"Passengers Traffic Relief Association, Bombay, strongly objects to increased passenger fares as inopportune, uncalled for and burdensome especially to poor. Stop. Enhancement will not prevent travelling but only add to present great hardships. Stop. Government will be responsible for lowering public economic morale and creating own black market. Stop. Public will question Government's bonafides when railways yield huge surpluses.

GAVE CHEQUES BUT HAD NO ACCOUNTS WITH BANK?

BOMBAY, Tuesday

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The full establishment of civil liberties is an essential preliminary to any progress.

—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

WORTHLESS DEFENCE

Sir Reginald Maxwell's explanation for imposing a ban on Mrs. Naidu may be worthy of a pettifogging lawyer but will not convince any right-thinking person. His first excuse for the ban was that she issued an Independence Day appeal and that the Independence Pledge is seditious. But when that pledge was taken by millions during the last many years nobody was prosecuted for sedition. Moreover, recently the Sessions Judge of Wardha held that the pledge was not illegal. The main sentences in his judgment, acquitting four persons of Wardha who had been convicted by the lower court under Defence Rule 29 of being in possession of the Independence Pledge, are as follows:

"Reading the Independence Pledge as a whole, I cannot say that it is likely to incite people to attempt by violence or public disorder to subvert Government for the time being established in British India. This pledge, I am told, is read every year on January 26 and no one has been prosecuted up to now. If this is the case and Government has not banned it or taken any action with regard to it, it must be inferred that it did not cause any uneasiness to it. For these reasons the exhibits (about Independence Pledge) cannot be regarded as prejudicial reports."

Even if it is assumed that the Pledge is objectionable, Mrs. Naidu's address to the press conference did not cite any passages from it at any time objected to by any officials. It only called upon the people "to renew the pledge to achieve their own freedom." Government did not object to the publication of the statement nor have they done so since. Sir Reginald's first excuse thus falls to the ground.

Sir Reginald next objected to Mrs. Naidu's address to a press conference at Delhi. Now the main ideas in that address are that Gandhiji was never pro-Japanese and that neither Gandhiji nor Congress ever encouraged any violent agitation. We can quite understand why the Government of India dislike such a statement and are anxious to prevent its repetition. From every point of view it deserves wide publicity and from no point of view can it justify a ban on the person who made it. Referring to Mrs. Naidu's exposure of the falsity of the charge that Gandhiji was pro-Japanese, Sir Reginald now says: "Government had never at any time charged the Congress with being pro-Japanese. Where there was an allusion to it in the pamphlet 'Congress responsibility for the disturbances' it was quoted from Mr. Nehru himself." Note that even now Sir Reginald exonerates only the Congress and not Gandhiji, whom they have directly traduced. To take only one instance from the pamphlet referred to, the following is a clear but foul insinuation against Gandhiji:

"Since Mr. Gandhi had no illusions as to the likelihood of effective non-violent resistance to the Japanese, we can only infer that in the admittedly possible event of Japanese aggression on India after the departure of the British he was prepared to concede to their demands. Such an inference accords with what we have shown to be his frame of mind at the time."

After publishing this damning insinuation, which, they persuaded themselves, accorded with his frame of mind, Government got from Mrs. Naidu Gandhiji's instructions to Miraben (Miss Slade) which proved conclusively that the insinuation was utterly baseless. But Government neither published Gandhiji's anti-Japanese instructions nor withdrew their insinuation in view of those instructions. Let the world judge the sense of fairness and regard for truth of a Government who, instead of retrieving their offence, commit another by gagging Mrs. Naidu so as to prevent her from making further inconvenient disclosures. Sir Reginald's explanation for not publishing Gandhiji's letter to Miraben is that "it was a confidential communication and Government saw no reason why they should undertake to publish it." The reason why it is their duty to publish it is that they have broadcast the charge that he was pro-Japanese and in fairness they should at least give similar publicity to his own letter which explains his real attitude and in effect repudiates the charge. As regards the confidential character of the letter, they could have easily obtained his consent for the publication. But it is perhaps too much to expect such a standard of fairness from the Government. However, in fairness to Gandhiji that letter must be published by others, if not by Government, at any rate those parts of it that explain his attitude towards Japan. Finally, it was naturally easy for one like Sir Reginald to be facetious about what he called the light restrictions on Mrs. Naidu. We are sure he would not relish them himself if they were imposed upon him. But in a sense today is perhaps his and he is having it with a vengeance. We would only add here that we had thought that Lord Wavell would have a better sense of fairness than to be party to the suppression of the proof of Gandhiji's innocence of the charge not yet withdrawn by Government.

According to the A.P. report Sir Reginald "cited the passage from Mrs. Naidu's statement at the press conference reaffirming determination to adhere to the fundamentals of the Congress position and said that showed in unmistakable terms that the Congress was not prepared to accept any compromise. Anyone who said that that statement was calculated to liquidate the present situation was misinterpreting the words of that statement." Any tyro in Indian politics would understand that what Mrs. Naidu meant by "the fundamentals of the Congress position" was the demand for the transfer of genuine political power and not a mass movement of any kind. Mrs. Naidu deliberately stated in her statement that Gandhiji did not intend starting any movement, the idea being that failing negotiations some action might or would be taken at some future time and that the Working Committee had discussed nothing in the way of instructions or programme. Nor was that all. Mrs. Naidu went on to say: "I think it is possible to find some way to make a breach in the wall if they (Government) would let people meet and talk to Gandhiji and let him meet the Working Committee and find out for himself what they thought and what was happening in the country." In the face of these categorical statements and proposals is it honest on the part of the Home Member to declare as he did that anyone who said that Mrs. Naidu's statement was calculated to liquidate the present situation "was misinterpreting the words of that statement?" The truth, in fact, is, as Mr. Joshi said, Mrs. Naidu "was acting as an angel of peace instead of creating disturbances in the country." The inescapable inference from the ban on Mrs. Naidu is that it suits the policy of the Home Member and the Government of whom he is the spokesman to maintain the present deadlock and, therefore, they think they must gag angels of peace.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Police Raj

To the many revealing remarks made recently by the High Courts regarding the vagaries of the Executive in dealing with political cases are now to be added the observations of the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court with regard to the detention of Pandit Baij Nath of the Agra Bar. His Lordship said: "It seems to me that these Defence of India Rules have paralysed us and we have got no power." Nay, His Lordship went so far as to add that "rightly or wrongly he had come to the conclusion in the case of Pandit Baij Nath that because that gentleman was appearing for the accused in so many cases arising out of the disturbances the police thought that the best thing was to get him behind the prison bars." These are very damaging remarks, indeed, but the prevalence of police raj indicated here is also to be found in many other parts of the country. When the Chief Justice of a High Court feels constrained to pass such strictures, one can imagine how intolerable the situation must be to those who actually suffer under the police raj.

Scandalous

One of the most objectionable features of the Ordinance 3 of 1944 issued recently, is that it takes away the powers of courts to make any order under Section 491 of the Cr.P.C. in respect of any persons detained under Rule 26 of Defence of India Rule. The result would be that no detention ordered under Rule 26 will now be called in question before any court of law through a 'habeas corpus' petition. This provision has been made in Section 10 of the ordinance. It is one more way—one of the most scandalous—to deprive the courts of a just method of safeguarding the rights of the people against the encroachment thereon by the Executive. Some of the recent "habeas corpus" petitions were very inconvenient to Government, who have accordingly made such petitions perhaps impossible. One wonders if the Government of India recognise no limit to their trampling under foot the most elementary liberties of the people?

Industrial Research Committee

We welcome the appointment by the Government of India of a Committee to report on the steps to be taken to increase the present facilities for industrial and scientific research. We continue to have our reservations about the willingness and capacity of the Government to give effect to the best recommendations of such Committees. Government may use only those parts of the reports which, stripped from the whole, may be made to serve their narrowly conceived plans. Or Government may say, as did Lord Wavell the other day about the Sargent educational scheme, that India has simply no funds at present for the research schemes. Yet a good report has its own use. We trust the Committee will spare no pains to produce a model report.

Reply To Sir Chimanlal Setalvad

Rajaji wants the country to accept the Cripps offer and form Provincial Ministries. But in his letter to the "Times" Sir Chimanlal wants the Congress to acknowledge its mistake and retrace its steps. Wherein the Congress mistake lies he does not tell us, but only agrees that some people insist that the Congress leaders now under detention should withdraw the "Quit India" resolution and express their willingness to co-operate with the Government in their war effort. He denies that Gandhiji is the right man to represent India at any peace conference—as according to him Mahatmaji is an impractical visionary, and further claims that all the parties, including the Liberals, should send separate representatives. We have yet to learn that any country can be represented separately by all the political parties in that country at any international conference. One has only to imagine what a sorry tangle this would mean to understand the absurdity of the suggestion. His appeal to the Government is that they should put Gandhiji and the Congress Working Committee together, so that in case they do not withdraw the Quit India resolution as advised by Sir Chimanlal and "some people", they may stand discredited.

The least that the Government can be asked to do is to restore the reign of law and try the Congress leaders before a court of law for their alleged offences for which they are detained, and also institute enquiries into alleged police excesses all over the country. Sir Chimanlal should have supported Mrs. Naidu in this demand or practised the virtue of silence which he so eloquently preaches—rather than admonishing her for taking a correct stand and add his voice to the Government of India's Gag order.

MADANLAL PITTI.

Sophia College

It seems from your issue of the 29th January that Mr. K. T. Shah will move for the disaffiliation of the Sophia College for Women from the Bombay University on the Report submitted by the Enquiry Committee. This news will greatly upset the minds of several thousands of Christians of all denominations because it shows how the wind will blow when India will get complete independence. It has been alleged that the College authorities have not observed "the spirit of undertaking" given by them. It appears that the Enquiry Committee only examined the interested parties and these were not cross-examined at the instance of the College authorities—nor were other non-Catholic students or teachers on the College staff examined whether the so-called "activities" were actually prevalent or not. Nor were the witnesses examined by the Committee administered oaths—as is usual in all official inquiries—before their statements were recorded. Neither were the members of the Governing Body of the College examined or questioned before the Committee submitted its Report. All these grave omissions have detracted from the value of a fair-minded inquiry in search of facts. In this case, as far as I remember one or two members of the Enquiry Committee had expressed their view—and it was a prejudicial view on the subject when the subject had come up before the Senate at the time the Enquiry Committee was appointed and so they have performed the role of the jury, prosecutors and judges. I submit that it would add very much to the dignity and prestige of the University of Bombay, if a judicial Committee of Inquiry were appointed by Government and in that Committee one or two Christian educationists included in order to appreciate the view-point of the College and at the same time to understand and clarify and misconceptions of the non-Christian Members in arriving at correct facts and conclusions. Unless this is done and the Press is allowed to report such proceedings, a great harm will be done to an institution which has a world-wide reputation for imparting high-grade education for women and which has at the same time during the short period of its existence in Bombay won the confidence of a very large number of non-Christian pupils and parents.

P. V. DOMINGO.

Ahmedabad, Jan. 31.

"Sicilia Liberata": First Free Italian Daily

LONDON: According to an Algiers dispatch, the first Free Italian Daily newspaper has started publication under Allied occupation. It is named as "Sicilia Liberata" (Liberated Sicily). It is edited by Sicilian journalists some of whom have been released from Fascist prisons.—India Press Service.

Question Time In Assembly

Maxwell Mumbles At Mrs. Naidu's Challenge To Govt.

WILL NOT DISCLOSE INTENTIONS ABOUT CONGRESS LEADERS: REFUSES TO PUBLISH REJOINDER TO TOTTENHAM'S CHARGE AND GANDHI-MIRABEN CORRESPONDENCE: LIGHT ON JAIPRAKASH'S DETENTION: SULTAN AHMED SHYS AT RECALL OF SUBSIDISED CAMPAIGNERS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

In the Assembly, the Home Member, in reply to Mr. Govind Deshmukh's question said that Mrs. Gandhi had been subject to heart-attacks for some years, and added that the reasons for not releasing her were explained in a press note issued on December 24th.

(Q) Was it Government's intention not to release detenus even when they were seriously ill?

(A) We were discussing only yesterday the case of a prisoner who was released on grounds of health.

JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

Mr. G. V. Deshmukh wanted to know the grounds on which the Government of India had detained Mr. Jaiprakash Narain, already a security prisoner, under the Bengal Regulation of 1818.

The Home Member stated that Jaiprakash Narain was detained under Regulation Three of 1818 by the Punjab Government and not by the Government of India. He had no precise information as to the amenities Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was at present receiving, but he understood he was being treated in general as a Class One security prisoner. There were no general rules laid down for the treatment of persons detained under the Regulation, but treatment depended on the circumstances of each case.

Mr. Deshmukh: Is there any truth in the statement that Government of India wishes to put Jaiprakash Narain on trial?

The Home Member: How does that question arise here, Sir?

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked whether the Central Government had any responsibility in detaining Jaiprakash Narain.

The Home Member: No Sir.

Mr. Navalrai drew the Home Member's attention to the statement made by a Sind Minister that responsibility for detaining certain persons rested with the Government of India.

The Home Member said he had seen press reports to that effect.

Arising from Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's question about the detention of certain members of the Sind Provincial Assembly by the Provincial Government, Nawabzada Liakat Ali asked whether Government were aware that the present Ministry had not been responsible for detaining some of the prisoners.

The Home Member: I am most obliged to the Hon. Member for the information. (Laughter).

Sardar Mangal Singh: Is it not a fact that if the present Ministry wants to release them, the Government of India will stand in the way?

The Home Member said in reply to Mr. Lalchand Navalrai that sufficient time had hardly elapsed for any order under the procedure of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance, which entailed informing detained persons of the ground for their detention and then giving full consideration to any representation that they might submit, but, of course, many cases were reviewed and many persons released before the Ordinance came into force.

(Q) Are the Government of India aware that the Sind Ministry are not prepared to release the detenus, specially the Sind Assembly members in detention? If so, what steps do the Government of India propose to take to see that they are released?

Ans: The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second does not arise.

WHY SUPPRESS IT?

Mr. Ramratan Gupta asked why Mrs. Naidu's letter of February 1943 indicating that the Congress Working Committee had not planned any movement of violence was not published. Did Government propose to publish that letter which was sent as a rejoinder to Sir Richard Tottenham's pamphlet?

The Home Member: Mrs. Naidu did write a short letter to the Home Department in February 1943. It was not published because it is not the policy of Government to allow publicity to persons undergoing detention.

The same member asked about Mahatma Gandhi's letter to Miss Slade on or about May 31, 1942 categorically stating that the people should in no case show to or expect any quarter from the Japanese and that they should resist Japanese invasion and aggression with all their might.

The Home Member: Government have seen a copy of the letter to which the Hon. Member appears to refer. The letter contains no such words as those quoted by the Hon. Member, nor anything in the same sense.

(Q) Do Government propose to publish that letter?

Ans: No. The letter was a private letter to Miss Slade from Mr. Gandhi which Mr. Gandhi could have published himself if he had desired to do so.

(Q) Was the letter discovered from the belongings of Miss Slade when these were transferred under official auspices from Sevagram to Aga Khan Palace?

Ans: No.

MRS. NAIDU'S CHALLENGE

(Q) Has the Government's attention been drawn to the suggestion made by Mrs. Naidu that Congress leaders be put on trial either before an International Tribunal or before a Tribunal of British Judges invited from outside India? Have the Government of India come to any decision in the matter?

Ans: I am not prepared to make any statement regarding the intentions of Government in this matter.

Replying to the same member's question about the restrictions on the celebration of Independence Day, The Home Member said: No specific directions were issued by the Government of India and the action taken was in pursuance of the common policy which had been discussed between the Government of India and the Provinces at various times, but the provinces made their own decisions as to the nature of the restrictions to be imposed.

Mr. Govind Deshmukh asked if the Benares Hindu University had been excluded from the scheme of precadet training for the Indian Air Force in Universities in India.

Mr. Trivedi stated it had not been possible to extend the scheme for the time being to that University owing to lack of the necessary instructional personnel and equipment.

SALE OF GOLD

Gold was sold from time to time in the Indian market at the prevailing market price, said the Finance Member in a written reply to Sardar Sant Singh's question, but added he was not prepared to disclose the quantities sold. The sales were made under arrangements between the Reserve Bank of India and the Bank of England on account of H.M.G. and the United States Government. The gold was provided by those Governments from their own resources. The Finance Member said he was not in a position to state the amount of profit on these sales. The proceeds of the sales were utilised by these Governments in meeting their war expenditure in this country.

SUBSIDISED PROPAGANDISTS

The statements made by Messrs. Bhole and Ghiasuddin in London were the subject of a series of questions and supplementaries.

Replying to Sir Yamin Khan's questions, Sir Sultan Ahmed said that the statement to the effect that the Assembly had ceased to be representative and that both the major parties were against war effort and it was not surprising they should join in the motion of censure against the dispatch of the two lecturers were made in answer to specific questions from the audience. "With such audiences as he finds in England and U.S.A., a refusal to answer questions, besides being embarrassing to the speakers themselves, is likely to be misunderstood. On such occasions when the speakers are compelled to answer political or controversial questions they have been asked, to make it clear that the opinions expressed are entirely personal. If this has not been done I can only express my regret. They have again been asked to adhere to the instructions given to them and it is hoped that they will say nothing which will be open to comment.

(Q) What did Mr. Bhole mean when he said that the two major parties were opposed to the war effort? Did he mean the Congress and the Muslim League or any other party?

Ans—I am afraid I cannot answer this question as I do not know to whom Mr. Bhole was referring.

Sir Yamin Khan referred to the assurance given by Sir Sultan Ahmed on the Floor of the House that these lecturers would not say anything on politics and asked, since they had violated that assurance, why they were not being recalled.

Sir Sultan Ahmed replied he had no official information of the statements made by them. He had asked for further information from the Secretary of State and had again repeated to the Secretary of State how essential it was that they should keep themselves to the work for which they had been sent.

MISREPRESENTATION

Sir Yamin: What remedy does the Hon. Member propose to remove the misrepresentation that the Muslim League is opposed to war effort and remove the disgrace brought to the country by the misrepresentation?

Sir Sultan Ahmed: I do not find anything in the statement to that effect. I do not know to whom Mr. Bhole was referring. I shall see to it that if any such impression has been created, that impression is removed.

Mr. Joshi: Since the statement that the Legislature has become unrepresentative has created a wrong impression about the status of this Legislature, will Government contradict this statement and send it to England for publication?

Sir Sultan Ahmed: As long as there is no general election I have no doubt that members represent their constituencies. If Mr. Bhole has said anything to the contrary it is his own personal view. The Government of India do not share that view.

In reply to further demand for contradiction in England of these statements, Sir Sultan Ahmed said his statement in the House was a sufficient contradiction and he thought it would be telegraphed to England.

Mr. Kazmi: Will the Hon. Member see that this is not stopped by the Press Adviser? (Laughter).

REQUISITIONING OF HOUSES

Mr. C. Mac I. G. Ogilvie, Defence Secretary, replying to a series of questions put by Mr. A. C. Dutta stated that Government were aware of cases in which hardship had been caused to the civil population in Calcutta and outside by the requisitioning of houses by Government under the Defence of India Rules. While Government could not undertake any general responsibility for finding alternative accommodation, they had done their best to ensure that requisitioning was only resorted to when it was unavoidable.

Mr. Ogilvie stated that Government's instructions provided for notice being given as long as circumstances permitted, but short notice was sometimes inevitable.

Asked whether the present policy of requisitioning would not destroy the good relations between soldiers and citizens, thus prejudicing the war effort, Mr. Ogilvie stated extensive requisitioning must lead to hardship. The people affected had, however, realised that it was the war and not the soldier that was responsible for requisitioning.

Nawabzada Liakat Ali: Is the Hon. Member aware that many sins are committed by civil authorities in the name of military authorities? (Laughter).

Ans: I am not aware of it.

Several thousands of Italian prisoners of war in India had been transferred, said Mr. C. M. Trivedi, War Secretary, in reply to Mr. Govind Deshmukh's question in the Assembly.

Mr. Trivedi declined in the interest of security to disclose the number of prisoners so transferred. —A. P.

Fate Of Censure Motions

Wavell Gags Central Assembly On Casey's Appointment

NEW DELHI, Feb 8.

Four adjournment motions were withdrawn or disallowed to-day in the Central Assembly before Mrs. Renuka Ray's motion to discuss the permission given to women to work in coal mines was admitted.

Mr. Anangamohan Dam withdrew his motion to discuss the Government's failure to enforce the Reciprocity Act. This was in response to an appeal made by the Indians Overseas Member who said that a discussion of this matter would be inopportune at this moment.

The Chair disallowed Maulvi Abdul Ghani's motion to discuss "the use of compulsion" by the Bihar Government in the sale of National Savings Certificates. Before it was disallowed, the Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, pointed out that the exact measures taken by a Provincial Government in order to promote savings were a matter for them to decide and it was neither the direct concern of the Government of India nor had the Government of India any specific or detailed knowledge of it.

The Finance Member added he was not aware of any compulsion used in the promotion of savings.

The Chair also disallowed Mr. S. D. Misra's motion on the ban on reports of Mrs. Naidu's press interview AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL HAD DISALLOWED MR. GOVIND DESHMUKH'S MOTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CASEY.

Dr. Ambedkar, Labour Member, pointed out that Mrs. Ray's motion on the employment of women in coal mines did not relate to a recent conference, but he would not stand on any formal objection to a discussion of it. If the House desired to discuss it, he said, he was prepared to give in (hear hear)—A.P.

Indian Overseas Member Knows Next To Nothing About Burma Conference

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

The Burma Reconstruction Conference called by the Burma Government in Simla was the subject of a short notice question put in the Assembly by Mr. K. C. Neogy.

Dr. Khare, Indians Overseas Member, replied: The Government of India have been informed that, in accordance with the intention of the Government of Burma, in connection with its reconstruction proposals, to consult at suitable stages and as occasion arises the opinion of Indians who have direct interests in Burma and who have resided therein, and as a stage has now been reached when certain reconstruction proposals can be placed before and discussed informally and confidentially with a small body of such Indians, the Government of Burma are convening a conference at Simla beginning from February 10, to which a certain number of Indians have been invited. The Government of India have no further information of the matter.

(Q). Were the Government of India consulted regarding the scope of the conference and the representation of Indian interests thereon? If so, what views were put forward by the Government in this matter? Ans: No.

Dr. Khare added that the Government of Burma invited the Government of India to depute an officer as an observer at the conference. The Government of India, while appreciating the desire of the Government of Burma to associate them in this manner with the conference, had regretted their inability to do so. The Government of India had addressed the Government of Burma suitably as regards their interests in the questions of immigration into Burma and the status of Indians there after reconquest of that country.

Mr. Neogy asked whether it was a fact that, apart from restricting representation on this conference to Indians who were actually resident in Burma, the individuals invited had been invited in their individual capacity and not representing any associations. Dr. Khare: I think that is the case.

In reply to Sir Frederick James, the Indians Overseas Member, said that the Government of India's decision not to depute an officer to the conference was based on practical considerations, one of which was the difficulty of sparing a suitable officer during the conference which coincided with the Assembly session.

Sir Frederick asked if it was not a sufficiently important matter to merit the deputation of an officer and whether the Hon. Member would reconsider the matter.

Dr. Khare said he would reconsider.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

ALLAHABAD: "It seems to me that these Defence of India Rules have paralysed us and we have got no power,' observed His Lordship the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, recalling the case of Pandit Baijnath of the Agra Bar, who had been detained under Rule 26 of the D.I.R. and on whose behalf an application was filed earlier before a full bench of the Allahabad High Court.

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In the Assembly Mr. Lahiri Chaudhry (Congress Nationalist) asserted that the Government had lost its dignity and prestige.

Impossible! You can't lose something you haven't got!

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Mr. Deshmukh said that the gag order served on Mrs. Naidu had no parallel in the annals of any civilised Government.

But it has many parallels in the annals of the Government of India!

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The Orders of Government regarding the observance of Independence Day, the Home Member said, were directed not against Independence but against what was called the Congress Pledge, which Government had been advised legally was a seditious document.

Advised by whom? By the High Court Judges who complain that they feel paralysed by the Government of India Rules?

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"This order", said the Home Member, "does not prevent her from doing anything."

For instance, she is at perfect liberty to read "Congress Responsibility For Disturbances" and reports of the Home Member's speeches.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague.)

(1) *The Government is feeling very proud of itself over the two-vote victory in the Assembly—thanks to its official members walking into the lobby they are paid to walk into!*

(2) *Such a clear verdict by the Assembly is a triumph of democracy —British India brand!*

(3) *The Government of India is not against the independence of India—or so says the Home Member!*

(4) *It was not the Government that accused the Congress of being pro-Japanese but Pandit Nehru who said so!*

(5) *Sir Reginald Maxwell is a devoted follower of Pandit Nehru and implicitly believes whatever the Pandit says.*

Adult Franchise For Municipal Election

In reply to Government notification inviting "any objections and suggestions" on the introduction of adult franchise and the delimitation of election boundaries, the following representation was submitted by Miss Shirin C. Kerrawalla:

"As a citizen, I consider it my bounden duty to register my emphatic protest and also to join in the widespread protests by a vast majority of citizens, against the manner in which the Government is on the verge of being led by its nose in connection with the contemplated scheme of splitting away the existing areas of the municipal election wards into so many uncontrollable fragments.....These fragments of constituences have been so planned that it will practically wipe out every trace of the non-Congress corporators. All hopes are, therefore, lost, for ever, for members of the minorities.....to contest municipal elections unless he/she casts in his/her lot with the dominating political party like Congress.

I would never subscribe to the ideal of Adult Franchise, though we all like its introduction so much, unless and until (1) our city is free from the scourge of the immense proportion of the illiterate, (2) and free from the scourge of baneful communalism.

"I would therefore appeal to the Bombay Government to cast a cursory glance on the minutes of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, which are reeking with communalism, woeful politics and insidious jobbery for those applicants who had rendered or will render services to the Congress party.

"My final appeal to you (Secretary, General Department) and also to H.E. the Governor is that before launching the scheme of Adult Franchise and before executing the delimitation (awkward and one-sided) of the election boundaries, His Excellency will please appoint a Judicial Enquiry Committee with a representative each of the communities to go into the question of the adult franchise; and to quickly submit the report on the findings of the delimitation and the universal suffrage."

Weaving Master Stabbed

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lokur and a Common Jury).

Emperor.
Versus.
Krishna Appa ..... Accused.

The accused, a millhand, was charged with having attempted to murder Minoo A. Gagrat, the weaving master of the Dhanraj Mill on 15th September 1943. Two months before the incident, the accused who till then served in that mill, had been dismissed for insubordination in the presence of the Government Labour Officer. On the day in question, early in the morning, Gagrat was going to the Mills when the accused waylaid him, threw some chilly powder in his eyes and then stabbed him on the back. Gagrat was operated upon by Dr. Cooper and recovered from his injuries.

The defence of the accused was that on the day in question he asked Gagrat for a certificate upon which the latter abused him and that he then struck Gagrat on grave and sudden provocation.

The Jury, by a majority, found the accused guilty of having caused grievous hurt with a dangerous weapon. His Lordship thereupon sentenced the accused to five years' rigorous imprisonment.

Mr. H. M. Seervai instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Crown.

Mr. M. P. Laud defended the accused.

Mr. Kazmi: Is it not possible to employ less competent officers for the purpose of sitting in this House and voting? (Laughter).

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta: Will the Hon. Member import some experts from England for the purpose. (more laughter).

Pandit L. K. Maitra: Will the American Government be invited to send a delegate to this conference.

Dr. Khare: I have no idea.

2,000 SILK WEAVERS OUT OF WORK

Sequel To Restrictions On Exports To Ceylon

CAWNPORE Feb 7.

Mr K S Sundaram and Mr. A S. Patel, President and Secretary of the Benares Silk Merchants Chamber, met on Monday the Assistant Director of Industries and War Supplies and placed before him the difficulties of silk merchants arising out of restrictions of export to Ceylon.

Mr. Sundaram indicating the hardships of silk weavers said that over 2,000 were now turning to other occupations having been thrown out due to restrictions on exports of silk goods to Ceylon.—A P.

Anglo-Burmese To Renounce Claims To Special Privileges

SIMLA, Feb. 7.

A declaration by the Anglo-Burman members that their community considered itself to be a people of Burma and desired to continue as such and a unanimous agreement recommending to the members of the Anglo-Burman community the abandonment of all claims to special privileges as a token of their trust in the good faith of the Burmese people, were the highlights of the deliberations of the Anglo-Burma Conference convened at Simla by the Government of Burma.

Reciprocating, the Burmese representatives gave assurances that the Burmese could foresee no difficulty in making satisfactory provision to preserve to the Anglo-Burman community freedom to worship and to teach its own religion, freedom to continue its own habits and customs and freedom and facilities to maintain its own language, which was English.

League Committee Goes Into Action

LAHORE, Feb. 8.

It is understood that the All-India Muslim League Committee of Action which met in Lahore last week has appointed Mr. C. M. Syed to prepare the draft of a model constitution for all provincial leagues and has deputed Haji Sattar Haji Essak Sait to prepare an exhaustive questionnaire regarding trade, cottage industries and labour and occupational unions.

The Committee has appointed a sub-committee for the proper organisation and further strengthening of the National Guard movement.

The Committee has appointed another sub-committee for the removal of un-Islamic customs and ideas that have crept into the Muslim Society in India.

All the above sub-committees have been requested to submit their reports before the next meeting of the Committee of Action which is to be held in the last week of March at Delhi.—A. P.

Nabha Rani's Case Claiming Damages Goes To Federal Court

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7

A question of law relating to the interpretation of the Government of India Act 1935, whether a provincial Government is liable for any erroneous or wrongful act by their servants, was raised to-day before the Federal Court in an appeal preferred by Maharani Gurcharan Kaul of Nabha and her minor daughter against the dismissal by the Madras High Court of her suit for damages against the Madras Government and four others.

The facts of the case were that the appellants, the wife and daughter of the Maharaja of Nabha (then interned at Kodaikanal under orders of the Government of India) were detained at Kodaikanal Road Station on January 13, 1937, when they wanted to travel to Madras from that station by a Sub-Inspector of Police.

It was alleged that the Maharani and her daughter were prevented from leaving the station till an hour later when it was realised that the instructions purported to have been given to the Sub-Inspector by the Deputy Superintendent of Police referred to the Maharaja of Nabha and not to the Maharani.

SUB-JUDGE'S VIEW

The Maharani instituted a suit for Rs. 1,00,000 damage in the Court of the Subordinate Judge, Madura, who dismissed the suit on the ground that it was not maintainable against the provincial Government and that the Sub-Inspector and two Constables could not be sued without consent of the Governor of Madras under Section 270(1) of the Government of India Act. An appeal to the High Court of Madras was also dismissed.

In the present appeal to the Federal Court, it was argued on behalf of the appellants that Section 270(1) had no application to the case and that the provincial Government was liable for the wrongful acts of its servants.—A. P.

NO BAN ON U. P. 'GUR' EXPORT

LUCKNOW, Feb. 8.

A generous allocation of wagons has, it is understood, been made by the Central Government for the export of gur from the United Provinces. Hitherto no wagons were available and the export of gur from the province was not permitted.

The Government of the United Provinces have decided to export about 30 lakhs of maunds or three lakhs of tons of gur worth over six crores of rupees to other parts of India at the actual cost price, which comes to eight rupees per maund.—A P.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb 8

I C C March highest 475-3/4 lowest 468-1/2, closing 475-1/2. I C C May highest 471-3/4, lowest 467 closing 471-3/4. I C C July highest 476 lowest 471-1/4, closing 476.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Feb. 8

	Ready Old	Delivery Contract New	New Feb.
Khandesh Jarilla Berar	310/350	410/45	
Jarilla 289 F.	355/370	455/75	
Roller N. T.	530/550	650/75	652/67
Roller 289 F. Saw-ginned	510/530	625/30	620/30
	590/620	740/45	

COTTON ARRIVALS: Barsi Bales 407, Hyderabad 152, Sindh-Punjab 4102, Westerns 105 Total 4,766 Season to date 7,39,758 Last year at this time 9,26,482 Bales

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Feb 7.

March 20.56+04 May 20.25+05 July 19.82+02 October 20.20+01 December 19.02+02 January 18.95+02. Middling Spot 20.40+05

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

New York, Feb 7.

March 20.40, May 20.04, July 19.62.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March delivery is 209 points under New York March at Exchange Rate 331.

NEW YORK COTTON: The New York Cotton Market was dominated on Monday by the independent firmness of nearby deliveries reflecting local buying and Mill covering The majority of traders were marking time awaiting the outcome of the offers which will be submitted to-day to the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation for the sale of 332,000 bales for Lend and Lease March after touching 20.35 advanced to 20.43 and closed at the highest of the day.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb. 8.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar opened very steady but later on there being no following on the buying side prices assumed sagging tendency and profit-taking kept on increasing. The sagging tendency is a normal condition as the market was overbrought mention of which was made. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,180 and quietened at Rs 2,165 while Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 427-8. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 2,205 and declined to Rs 2,180 Century Shares opened at Rs. 1,250 and steadied at Rs 2,145. Kohinoors were quoted at Rs 752.

Towards the close there was renewed buying and quotations improved Steel Shares received more support while Bombay Dyeings ruled steady Century Shares also moved up and the market closed very steady.

TEXTILE: Ahmed. Advance 512-8, Apollo 5-8, Bharat Mills 92 Bom. Dyeing 2201-4 Cent. India 483-8, Century 1244 Colaba 255, Dawn 1,665, Edward Sassoon 885, Elphinstone 129, Finlay 370, Gokak 394 Hindustan

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

T S Ord (430) 431 33 30/8 29 30 27/8 29 31 35, T S Dfd (2177/8) 2185 75 87 80 75 60 72 82 87 2200 5 9 25 34, Dyeing (2190) 2197/8 2210 2200 2187 81 90 77 82 72 75 87 2200 2192/8 2201/4, Century (1220) 1240 80 65 70 63 48 42 30 48 50 47 50 44, Kohinoor (765) 774 68 75 68 54 52 54 50 52 54 52 56 65 64 62, Swadesh (651) 655 64 53 50 53 46 52 55 51 53, Nagpur (488) 488 90 84 79 82 74 82 83/12 Simplex (305) 309 4 2 3 300 2/8 4 3/8, New Great (476) 476 79 77 69 71 80 76 Cement 221/12) 222 21 20/8 22/8 21/8 23.

4,175, Ind. Bleaching 234, Ind. United Ord. 21-5, Khatau 437-8, Kohinoor 762, Lakshmi 1,790, Madhowji 30-8, Minerva 325, Model Nagpur 339-12, Madhusudan 760, Morarji 830, Mysore 330, New City 520, New Great 476, Pheonix 870, Podar Mills 520, Sassoon Spg. 32-12, Sassoon Silk 104-12, Sholapur 8,775, Simplex 303-8, Svadeshi 653, Swan 372, Tata Mills 70-4, Shri Nivas 467-8, Western India 3,650, Vishnu 625.

HYDRO & ELEC.: Ahmed Elec. 202-8, And. Valley 1,855, Ajmere 14-8, Bom. Suburban 197-12, Bom Tram Ord. 141-4, Broach 13-8, Karachi 252-8, Poona 300, Surat 197-8, Surat New Rs. 50 Pd. Prem. 70, Tata Hydro Ord. 200,

BANK: Baroda Bank 147-8, Bank of India 232-8, Imperial Bank 1,960, Imperial Partly-paid 495, Reserve Bank 137-8, Union Bank 10-7, Central Bank 94-8, Habib Bank 85.

RAILWAY: Ahmed. Prantej 847-8, Cent. Prov. 105, Dhond Baramati 118, Gujerat 97, Hoshiarpur Doab 106, Mandra Bhon 112-4, Mymensing Rebt. 105, Mymensing Gtd. 104, Sara Sirajganj 108 Sialkot Narowal 125, Sialkot New 54.

MISC GROUP: Alcock Ashdown 648-4, Asso. Cement 223, Bom. Burma Old 435, Bom. Burma New 158-2, Bom. Steamer 700, B. B Petrol 3-611/4, Belapur 241, Invest. Trust 69, Prem. Const. 238, Shivrajpur 77-8, Tata Chem. 32-4, Tata Oil 86, Tata Ordy. 435 Tata Defd. 2,235, Ind. Radio Ord. 500 Ind. Radio Defd. 460, Wimco 341-4.

INS.: Bom. Life 225, Empire Life 812-8, Oriental 6,310, Vulcan 19-12, Indust. & Prudent. 40-8, Ind. Mercantile 80, Jupiter 43, New India Ass. 87-8.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52 Loan 99-14, 3-1/2 p.c. G. P. Note 99-2, 3 p.c. 1946 Def. 1st 102-5, 3 p.c. 1949-52 2nd 100-14, 3 p.c. 1951-54 3rd 100-5, 3 p.c. 1953-55 4th Def. 100-2, 3 p.c. 1963-65 Loan 98-10, 3-1/2 p.c. 1947-50 Loan 103-5, 4 p.c. 1960-70 Loan 112-11, 4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60 Loan 115-12.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 p.c. B. P. T. 1974 113-8, 4 p.c. M. Deb. 1974 113-8, 5 p.c. M. Deb. 1959 121, 6 p.c. M. Deb 1954 130-2, 6 p.c. K. P. T. 1956 134.

TAX FREE LOANS: 5 p.c. 1945-55 Loan 105-5, 4 p.c. 1953-63 Mysore 123-6, 5 p.c. Mysore 1955 135-8.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterlig Cross Rate was 4.03-1/2 to 4.02-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local Silver market was firm with Spot Silver commanding a premium of Rs. 3-8 and delivery business was done at Rs. 123-12 Gold Ready was quoted at Rs. 71-0-6 and delivery business was done at Rs. 71. The Silver position remains manipulated owing to shortage of supplies.

Later on the market was irregular Silver after advancing to Rs. 124-12 declined to Rs. 123-8 for delivery while Ready was quoted at a premium of Rs 3-4, Gold Ready was quoted at Rs. 71-0-3 and delivery quotation closed at Rs. 71.

COTTON: After a day's flare up on Monday, the local market was quietly steady with a restricted turnover. The buying was mostly confined to March which resulted in widening up of differences. This shows that there is no genuine effort to buy cotton but to take advantage by forcing to cover sales in the near month Moreover after experience of January, there will be no inclination to operate in March. Thus any manipulation does not like yielding any good result. The market opened at Rs 476 for March delivery and declined to Rs. 473-8 Trading was restricted

After the decline prices recovered to Rs 475 under moderate short covering. There was renewed liquidation and March declined to Rs. 474. The market closed at 6 p.m as under:—

I C C March Rs. 473-12, I C C May Rs. 470-12, I C C July Rs 474-12.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, Feb 8.

	Extra Spr.-fine	Sup.	Fine	F.	Good
Jarilla L S S Pun.-Ame	494 635	484 630	474 625		469 620
289F Pun.-Ame.	675	670	665		660
N. T Sind-Ame.	635	630	625		620
Sawgin Sind Ame.	675	670	665		650

The Half-Column "By Dim"

Yesterday Sir Cowasji Jehangir opened an exhibition of paintings by the Polish artist, Norbling. Norbling is essentially a portraitist—more the sort of portrait painter who can fill up the blank space of wall in a Maharaja's palace. He varies, to my (layman's) way of looking at it, between using his brush freely and pausing to pay attention to details. A great deal depends upon the painting in hand and the purpose for which it is intended The murals did not appeal to me so much because they lacked vivid colouring. They looked too much like the work of a camouflage school than that of a sensitive artist. The portraits were precise and one often felt that Norbling did not enjoy painting the stars of India and the robes in which various people like to get themselves painted. Occasionally as in picture No. 13, you stopped and paused at seeing a Continental's impression of ancient India with Rajput (or was it Mughal?) horsemen coming down a hill. It was the India of many years ago and Norbling could only have pictured it with his imagination. But the other modern Indian stuff was to our Indian point of view a complete misfit. It was tourist India that Norbling had seen and one wondered if some of the mural of bullock carts were intended for the waiting room of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son. This is not intended as an unfriendly remark—but just a layman's reaction. However where Norbling was at his best was with the subjects which he knew and with which, figuratively speaking, he and his art had grown up. His portrait of the Banasinksa girl was perfect. It was sophisticated. It had colour and yet so much subdued dignity. It was Norbling as he really was.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

A press communique issued by the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay states:

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 8th February 1944. Total amount offered was Rs. 13,34,00,000—(Rupees thirteen crores thirty-four lakhs only). Tenders at Rs. 99-13-3 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-13-0 allotted approximately 61 p.c. Lower tenders were rejected Total amount accepted was Rs. Eight Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-12-0 per cent. per annum.

Tenders for Rs Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 15th February 1944, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday, the 14th February 1944 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 18th February 1944. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 4th February 1944, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 1,87,00,000—(Rupees one crore eighty-seven lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

RATIONING OF ELECTRICITY

NEW DELHI: Electricity will shortly be rationed in Delhi under a scheme which is being considered by the authorities, in view of coal shortage. The scheme involves curtailment of electric power allowed to private houses, hotels, restaurants, shops, road lighting, Government and private offices and other institutions.—A. P.

DEATH SENTENCE DEFERRED

Honour and Prestige Overrides Hatred

It is a very old convention among the warring chieftains and rulers of Ancient India—a convention founded on the principles of honour and prestige and the sound rules of chivalry that a prisoner of War should not be put to death without giving him an opportunity of defending himself. This principle temporarily saved Mounj when he was arrayed before his archenemy Tailap. Enraged by his defiance and bravery Tailap ordered him to be beheaded But the stay order came from quite an unexpected source. His sister, with a heart full of pride and burning hatred could not herself fathom the cause of her outburst to defer the extreme penalty, and had to cover herself behind the time honoured convention of treatment of prisoners of war. "We cannot strike an unarmed prisoner" she cried, and so temporarily at least Mounj escaped the knife.

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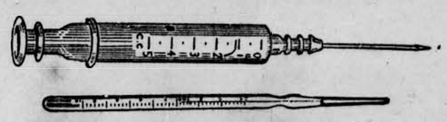

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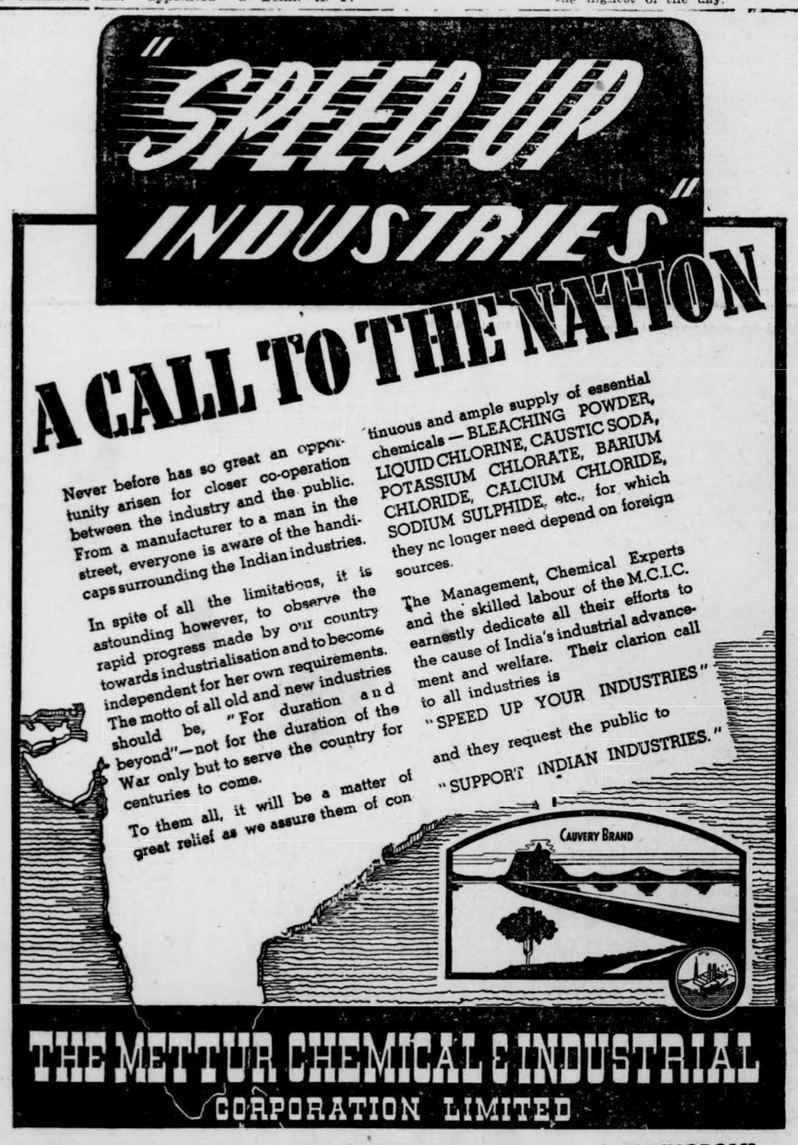
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Wanted for upcountry large Power House, qualified and experienced Engineers. Graduates in Engineering with at least seven years' experience in responsible positions only need apply. Boiler certificate 1 class an advantage. Salary according to qualifications. Apply Tata Chemicals, Ltd., Bombay House, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay. 7745

Wanted Teacher to teach boy of seven Hindi, English between 4-30—6. Apply personally 10-30, Kapur, Kapur Mansion, Hughes Road. 4008

Wanted a Manager for the Surat Office of a well established Bank. Only those who are fully qualified should apply to Box No. 7755. "Bombay Chronicle." Good prospects for a really deserving person.

Wanted Primary and Secondary Teachers (Either sex) of all communities and nationalities to work in spare hours. Write to Box 4012, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted an experienced Laundry Clerk, having good knowledge of English and Accountancy. Apply, Alfred Laundry, Forjet Street, Bombay. 4010

Wanted Europeans or Indians, preferably with foreign qualifications and practical experience, experts in: (a) Glass Technology, (b) Tar Distillation, (c) Perfumery, Toilets, Flavouring Essences and allied lines, (d) Manufacture of (i) Wines from fruits and grape juice and (ii) Malt Whisky. Apply with particulars and credentials stating terms expected to Box No. 3993, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted Matriculated Clerks, knowing Hindi or Gujarathi. (1) With experience in accounts in a limited company, (2) With knowledge of accounts and typing, apply with minimum salary expected. Box No. 3979, 'Bombay Chronicle.'

Wanted Salesmen experienced in Pharmaceutical line for Up-country. Apply stating qualifications, experience and salary expected. Apply Box No. 3990, "Bombay Chronicle."

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62. TO BE LET.

To Be Let. Hall and 4 Rooms. Navalkar Lane, opp. Vanita Vishram. Apply to Premji Khushaldas Reshamwala, 26, 3rd Bhoiwada. 4015

245. ASTROLOGERS.

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327. AGENTS WANTED

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

GENTLEMEN of the Common Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court, on the 2nd floor, on Wednesday the 9th February, 1944 at 2-45 P.M. (S.T.)

Gentlemen of the Special Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are no longer required to attend the High Court.

SHANTIDAS ASKURAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 8th February, 1944.
7757

THE DHARAMSI MORARJI CHEMICAL CO., LTD., BOMBAY.

LOST OR MISLAID.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinary share certificates of this Company have been LOST or MISLAID.

200 Share Certificates bearing distinctive Nos. 3731 to 3930 inclusive standing in the name of Bai Mohinibai w|o Fatchand Rawaldas.

1 Share Certificate bearing distinctive No. 38801 standing in the name of Mr. Framroz Edulji Dinshaw.

Any person having any claim in respect of the said shares should notify to the Registered Office of the Company at Prospect Chambers, 317|21, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date. If no claims are received in respect of the said shares duplicates of shares will be issued.

For and On behalf of
The Dharamsi Morarji Chemical Co., Ltd.,
DHARAMSI MORARJI & CO.,
Agents.
Dated 8th February, 1944.
(7756)

COUNTRY CRAFT FACILITIES ON THE WEST COAST

TO AFFORD MUCH NEEDED relief to the increasing strain on Railways, it is necessary to divert traffic to the sea route to the maximum extent possible. Even for sea traffic only a limited number of steamers are available. The public are therefore advised to take full advantage of country craft for transporting their goods. A list of approved country craft agents on the West Coast, who may be consulted by intending users of country craft, is given below:—

1. Mr. Ambalal Mulji Katha Bazar, Masjid Bandar, Bombay.
2. Messrs. I. S. & C. Machado, Tuticorin.
3. Mr. Thakarlal Jagjivandas, Broach, District Broach.
4. Messrs. Dewkaran Moorji & Co., 317, Kharek Bazar, Mandvi, Bombay.
5. Messrs. Vasudeo Keshav & Co., Kharek Bazar, Bombay No. 9.
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7. Messrs. Dalsukhram Khushal & Co., 386, Katha Bazar, Masjid Bandar, Bombay.
8. Messrs. Madhavji Vishram & Co., 7-11, Gopal House, Vadgadi, Bombay No. 3.
9. Mr. Visram Khimji, 99-103, Kazi Sayad Street, Bombay No. 3.
10. The Indian Shipping Industry, Great Social Building, Sir Pheroze Shah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay.
11. The Kathiawar Shipbuilding & Trading Corporation, Imperial Bank Building, Bank Street, Bombay.
12. Mr. J. T. Kotak, Ramnavmi Building, Katha Bazar, Bombay No. 3.
13. The Bombay Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.
14. Mr. Laxmidas Ramji, Nathani Building, Dabda Gali, Masjid Bandar, Bombay.
15. Mr. Ratansi Lalji, c|o. Haji Jetha Gokul, Khari Garden, Karachi.
16. Mr. Jethabhai Haribhai, Shippers & Brokers Chambers, Karachi.
17. Mr. Haji Jetha Gokul, Khari Garden, Karachi.

Traders and individuals desirous of transporting goods by country craft on the West Coast are advised to get in touch with any one of these agents who will charge freight according to the prevailing market rate and will also, if so desired, arrange for loading and unloading and for insurance.

Any further information required in connection with the transport of cargo by country craft on the West Coast may be obtained from the Country Craft Organisation Officer, United India Building, 2nd Floor, Sir Pherozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, who will be glad to contact traders or their representatives personally.

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7753

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE JUPITER GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the share certificates for 50 Preference Shares Nos. 48323|48872, standing in the name of Bhagwandas Harkisondas of No. 2, Doyahatta Street, Calcutta have been reported to be LOST or MISPLACED by Babu Keshardeo Tulshan to whom they had been pledged by the shareholder. It is also stated that the pledgee Babu Keshardas Tulshan has no interest or right in the said shares.

Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the Company within one month from the date hereof; otherwise the duplicates will be issued to Mr. Bhagwandas Harkisondas, who has applied for the same.

LALJI NARANJI & CO.,
Managing Agents.
Dated this 9th day of February, 1944.
4002

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Muslim candidates to fill a temporary vacancy in the post of Professor of Clinical and Operative Surgery, Medical College, and Surgeon to the Medical College Hospitals. The members of the Medical Profession in general and members of the Bengal Medical Service (Upper) are eligible to apply. Pay—550—1000. Age—above 40. Qualifications—practical teaching experience in Surgery with charge of beds in a recognised teaching hospital and high academic qualifications in Surgery. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 7th March, 1944.
(7748)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Anglo-Indian and European candidates to fill a temporary vacancy in the post of Middle School Master, Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong, in the Bengal General Service. The vacancy is likely to continue for the duration of the War. Pay—250—365. Age—below 35. Qualifications—graduate of a recognised University. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5|-, 7th March, 1944.
(7749)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that three allotment letters bearing Nos. 239|1 to 239|3 in respect of shares numbered 151296 to 151307 of the Associated Cement Companies Limited, standing in the name of Mr. C. K. Doraswamy Moodaliar (Decd.) have been LOST or MISLAID, and the undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of the share certificates for the said shares.

Any person in possession of the said Allotment Letters and or having any claim to the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at Esplanade House, Waudby Road, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof, after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and deliver the share Certificates if they think fit.

Dated this 9th day of February 1944.

S. R. AYYANGAR,
Official Trustee of Madras.
Executor.
(4001)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for one post of Counter Propaganda Officer on a scale of pay of Rs. 700-50-1000 in the Counter Propaganda Directorate, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Simla. The post is temporary but is likely to continue for the duration of war. Candidates should not be below 25 or above 45 years in age. In selection special regard will be given to experience of journalism, preferably in a newspaper office, and to good background in Indian and Far Eastern Affairs. Applications should contain full details of candidates educational record and journalistic experience and be accompanied by cuttings of published articles and attested copies of references and testimonials. A certain number of candidates from amongst all the applicants will be invited to appear for test and interview before a Selection Committee, at their own expense. Applications must reach the UNDER SECRETARY to the Government of India, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Railway Board Building, Simla on or before February 25, 1944.
(7754)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of my client Mr. DHARASHI SUNDERJI that the partnership subsisting in the name of Dharshi Sunderji & Co. has been DISSOLVED from 28-1-1944 and Mr. Manilal Keshavji Adatia and Mr. Valji Sunderji Sheth have no connection whatsoever with the said firm. Henceforth whoever deals with the said Mr. Manilal Keshavji and Valji Sunderji will do so at his own risk and my client will not be responsible for any such dealing.

CHHAGANLAL JETHABHAI VYAS,
Advocate for Dharshi Sunderji.
Dated 8-2-1944.
Round Building,
Bombay No. 2.
(7752)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SULEMAN HAJI AHMED OOMER, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant has contracted to demise to our client for a term of 999 years free from all incumbrances the land and buildings, situate at Warden Road known as "Garden View", bearing New Survery Nos. 1|7138, 2|7136, A.B.C.|7138 and Cadastral Survey Nos. 596 and 1596 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and Municipal "D" Ward Nos. 3500 (6), Street No. 95 I Warden Road.

All persons having any claim whatsoever in or upon the said property are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days otherwise the lease will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any shall be considered to have been absolutely waived.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1944.

MADHAVJI & CO.,
(7746) Lessee's Attorneys.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BABURAO MORESHWAR KIRTIKAR has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person or persons having or making any claim of any kind whatsoever against the said property is hereby requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Yusuf Building, Hornby Road, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim, and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of non-agricultural land together with the bungalow, out-houses, garages and tenements standing thereon, situate at 14th Road, Khar, Village Danda, Taluka Salsette, Bombay Suburban District in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 955 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Final Plot No. 398 of Suburban Scheme No. VII (Khar Model Suburb) and bounded, on or towards the North by Plot No. 397, on or towards the East by Plots Nos. 389 and 390, on or towards the West by the 14th Road aforesaid and on or towards the South by Plot No. 399.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1944.

Messrs. CAMA AND JAYAKAR,
(7751) Purchaser's Attorneys.

AUCTION SALES

SALE ON THURSDAY, the 10th February, 1944, at 3 P.M. at the Room of the undersigned.

Sale of pearl and pearl ornaments left over unsold from the sale on the 3rd February, 1944, of the estate of the late Seth Jethanand Asanmul in Suit No. 1214 of 1931, Advocate General V|S Govardhandas Vishandas and others will take place on the abovementioned day.

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